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Attached are minutes from the call today. Thank you for your participation.

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## **BLM and Forest Service Weekly Coordination Meeting Bears Ears National Monument**

**May 1, 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Tyler Ashcroft, Don Hoffheins, Lance Porter, Tami Conner

**Objective:** Coordinate ongoing agency actions.

#### **1. Stakeholder and Public Engagement**

- No updates on communications with state or local government.
- Don met with Natural Bridges National Monument to discuss concerns related to increased visitation. Misinformation has lead the public to believe that Natural Bridges is the visitor center for the new Bears Ears National Monument. Natural Bridges is concerned with being in a position where they are become the public contact center. BLM will provide Natural Bridges with maps and brochures for public distribution.
- Tyler mentioned possibility of inter-agency field trip to Bears Ears campground location on June 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **2. Bears Ears Tribal Commission**

- Tyler sent Natasha monument designation and land uses frequently asked questions for review
- Have not received feedback on the visitor information FAQs
- Tribes have expressed support for House on Fire sign design with blue accent. No objections from the agency.
- Tyler has not communicated to the commission since release of the monument review EO. Message will be that we are waiting for information regarding the review process, and what if any actions are impacted during the review period.
- Proposed field trip dates with Bears Ears Commission include June 1-2, 13-14, and 28-30. Tami will check Forest Services availability on those dates, Tyler will send dates to Natasha.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> will be an extended call to discuss the agenda for the next meeting and any needed pre-work.
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#### **3. Public Affairs Updates**



- BLM has been receiving a lot of media requests since the EO. All media requests are being referred to Washington.
- BLM is still not granting interviews.
- BLM has received a number of media related requests that require film permits. Monticello is trying to be responsive and consistent in issuing permits.
- KUED had recently submitted a film request that is being reviewed.
- Next Saturday a rally will be held at the Utah State Capitol in support of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase.
- County seat aired Sunday focused on Bears Ears opposition.

#### 4. Meeting Wrap-up

- Next call on 5/8 at 1300.